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POL DRUMS ON THE SE KONG (RIVER)  
PANHANDLE AREA, LAOS  
1538N 10647E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS POL DRUMS ON THE SE KONG (RIVER)  
IN THE PANHANDLE AREA OF LAOS.

2. LOCATION:

DRUMS ARE OBSERVED ALONG A 3.2 NM SEGMENT OF THE RIVER BETWEEN  
1535N 10646E (UTM XC908240) AND 1538N 10647E (UTM XC922300).

3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS APPROXIMATELY  
THIRTY (NOT ALL SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) POL DRUMS IN A PARTIALLY  
SUBMERGED CONDITION ALONG THIS SEGMENT OF THE RIVER. MOST OF THE  
DRUMS, WHICH APPEAR TO BE OF THE STANDARD FIFTY-FIVE GALLON TYPE,  
HAVE GROUNDED ON ROCK OUTCROPS OR ARE TRAPPED ALONG THE BANK. THE  
AREA OBSERVED IS A PORTION OF A WATERBORNE SUPPLY ROUTE BETWEEN  
BAN BAC (1550N 10646E) AND A TRANSSHIPMENT POINT AT THE WESTERN  
TERMINUS OF ROUTE 964 AT 1530N 10648E. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY BOATS  
(NOT ALL SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) OF THE PIROGUE TYPE ARE ALSO OBSERVED,  
EITHER SUBMERGED IN THE RIVER NEAR THE BANK OR CONCEALED UNDER THE  
HEAVY TREE CANOPY.

THE RIVER HAS BEEN CHanneled IN AT LEAST TWO PLACES IN THE  
VICINITY OF 1535N 10646E. DEBRIS HAS BEEN CLEARED AND REMOVED FROM

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ONE AREA, WHILE IN ANOTHER A CHANNEL HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED BY REMOVING MATERIAL FROM THE BOTTOM AND PLACING IT ALONG THE SIDES.

4. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT APPROXIMATELY FIFTY 55-GALLON DRUMS, WHICH APPEARED TO BE HALF FULL, WERE SEEN FLOATING ON THE SE KONG. A KHA PATROL REPORTED SEEING FIFTY PIROGUES MOVING NORTH ALONG THE SE KONG IN THE VICINITY OF UTM XC935383 ON 24 FEBRUARY. SOME OF THE BOATS CARRIED FUEL DRUMS THAT APPEARED TO BE EMPTY.<sup>1</sup>

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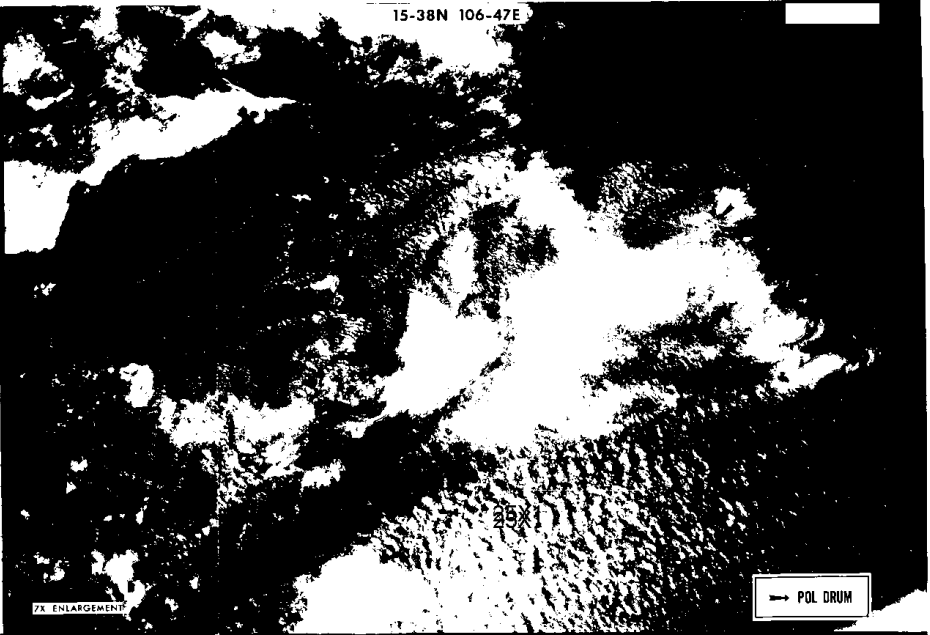
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